transfer applications of award staff received by the bank on medical ground from different Zones of Jaipur, Bikaner and Sikar between 1st January, 1997 to 31st December, 2001 year-wise are as under:

Year	No. application received for transfer
1997	17
1998	7
1999	13
2000	8
2001	2
TOTAL	47

(b) 12 applications (including 2 applications of SC/ST employees) were considered on merit.

(c) All deserving cases have already been considered.

(d) 875 transfer were made from 1.1.1996 to date on request without medical grounds including four spouse transfer where husband and wife are not working in Central/State Government Department.

Provision of Agricultural Loans by Banks

†1708. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks in the country are not showing much interest in giving loans in rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of loans taken by farmers for agriculture in rural areas during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As per

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

extant policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), all domestic scheduled commercial banks are required to lend 18% of their Net Bank Credit to agriculture sector. The State-wise details of total outstanding advances of scheduled commercial banks to agriculture for the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of total outstanding advances of scheduled commercial banks to agriculture during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	State/Union Territory	March, 1998	March, 1999	March, 2000
1	2	3	4	5
1.	A & N Islands	315.13	372.84	337.86
2.	Andhra Pradesh	448923.45	519590.16	567110.33
3.	Arunchal Pradesh	999.44	1245.26	1497.61
4.	Assam	29870.72	33145.19	31419.31
5.	Bihar	107578.19	122340.70	127901.34
6.	Chandigarh	21437.12	29405.54	42066.72
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	132.38	129.72	142.00
8.	Daman & Diu	87.25	82.25	105.95
9.	Goa	6611.64	6666.90	6426.55
10.	Gujarat	196393.01	225333.90	245484.28
11.	Haryana	119202.24	131241.07	158452.39
12.	Himachal Pradesh	13460.31	15707.62	16656.81
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	13967.70	16759.17	16368.89
14.	Karnataka	341101.07	435830.06	436725.22
15.	Kerala	170132.00	184354.97	193585.24
16.	Lakshadweep	56.12	58.61	1212.17
17.	Madhya Pradesh	227713.14	257671.49	288101.81
18.	Maharashtra	399127.85	515820.58	862023.39
19.	Manipur	1991.85	1909.33	2850.89
20.	Meghalaya	1647.16	1650.66	1896.65
21.	Mizoram	413.63	506.63	583.30
22.	Nagaland	2048.81	2221.38	2390.55
23.	NCT of Delhi	74756.43	61114.46	170413.11
24.	Orissa	67866.76	73037.80	78342.70
25.	Pondicherry	5113.32	5146.22	5268.26
26.	Punjab	225529.22	274521.40	316953.75
27.	Rajasthan	161125.10	18985.66	226127.88
28.	Sikkim	853.56	753.93	676.51

1	2	3	4	5
29.	Tamil Nadu	458209.67	475138.78	497786.76
30.	Tripura	4835.74	5243.23	5109.02
31.	Uttar Pradesh	305602.23	346185.65	404845.26
32.	West Bengal	170629.34	188310.72	234493.14
	TOTAL:	3577731.76	4121081.88	4943355.65

Redemption pressure on UTI Schemes

1709. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 40 schemes of the UTI were under severe redemption pressure during the six months ending December, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) According to UTI, 30 of its schemes registered negative net sales (outflow being more than inflow) during July-December, 2001.

Government announced a financial package for US-64 on 28-12-2001. As a part of the financial package, UTI has been asked to implement time-bound reforms based, *inter-alia*, on recommendations of various expert committees.

Fake stamp papers from Central Security Press Nasik

1710. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake stamp papers could be originating from the Central Security Press at Nasik, as stated by Revenue Minister, Karnataka as reported in the Hindu dated the 10th January, 2002, Bangalore Edition;

(b) if so, the details of persons involved and the worth of fake stamp papers produced so for; and